
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR
WORK AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN COORDINATING THE MENTAL HEALTH
AWARENESS DAY 2019: MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS IN HAWAII EVENT
TO RAISE AWARENESS AND PROMOTE MENTAL HEALTH IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, mental illness affects nineteen per cent of the
2 adult population, forty-six per cent of teenagers, and thirteen
3 per cent of children annually; each year, approximately forty-
4 four million American adults will experience a serious mental
5 health condition; and

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7 WHEREAS, virtually every family in America is affected in
8 some way by mental illness - in fact, one in five people in this
9 country has a diagnosable mental health condition; and

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11 WHEREAS, although the general perception of mental illness
12 has improved over the past decades, studies show that only half
13 of those affected receive or will seek treatment because of
14 stigma and discrimination against people with mental illness;
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17 WHEREAS, this is largely attributed to a lack of education
18 and misinformation that can be overwhelming obstacles for
19 someone who is struggling with a mental illness, which
20 negatively impacts the resources available for proper treatment;
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23 WHEREAS, SUTTER HEALTH KAHI MOHALA is dedicated to
24 improving the quality of life and restoring hope for individuals
25 and families affected by mental illness, and for over 35 years,
26 it has delivered the highest standards in mental health care for
27 Hawaii's children and adolescents while also serving adults, in
28 partnership with the Hawaii Department of Health; and



1 WHEREAS, the 'OHANA COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES Program is a
2 Medicaid program that offers a full scope of behavioral health
3 benefits to adults diagnosed with a serious and persistent
4 mental illness, where every member works with their Behavioral
5 Health Case Manager in the community to coordinate all aspects
6 of their care, including behavioral and physical health care,
7 food and housing assistance, transportation, medication
8 management, and substance abuse treatment to meet their needs
9 and improve their quality of life; and

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11 WHEREAS, for over 75 years, MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF HAWAII
12 has been Hawaii's leading mental health education and advocacy
13 organization, educating and organizing communities to enhance
14 mental wellness for Hawaii's people, and advocating for the
15 needs of people with mental illness, including children, youth,
16 adults, elderly, and their families; and

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18 WHEREAS, the NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS HAWAII is
19 America's largest grassroots mental health organization
20 dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans
21 affected by mental illness and their families through support,
22 education, advocacy, and awareness, empowering people to
23 confront the profound injustices of serious mental illness; and

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25 WHEREAS, HAWAII HEALTH AND HARM REDUCTION CENTER works to
26 reduce harm, promote health, create wellness, and fight stigma
27 in Hawaii and the Pacific, while building connections and
28 resilience in our trans and gender-non-conforming community
29 through Kua'ana, its transgender program; and

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31 WHEREAS, PARENTS AND CHILDREN TOGETHER provides evidence-
32 based services for youth and families experiencing behavioral
33 issues in the home, school, or community using counseling
34 techniques that work to change and decrease maladaptive
35 behaviors and facilitate success in the family, at school and in
36 the community; it serves over 15,000 Hawaii parents, children,
37 individuals, and families each year with statewide programs and
38 services; and



1 WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Day 2019: Mental Health
2 Matters in Hawaii is an event that highlights mental health as
3 an important public health issue, raising awareness of current
4 prevention and treatment opportunities, the community
5 organizations doing the work, and how elected officials can help
6 to promote mental health in Hawaii; and
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8 WHEREAS, Mental Health Awareness Day 2019: Mental Health
9 Matters in Hawaii will be held on Thursday, February 14, 2019,
10 at the Hawaii State Capitol; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
13 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
14 2019, that this body hereby recognizes and commends the
15 community organizations for their outstanding work and
16 contributions as members of the Event Planning Committee for
17 Mental Health Awareness Day 2019: Mental Health Matters in
18 Hawaii to raise awareness and promote mental health in Hawaii,
19 applauds their service and commitment to the people of Hawaii,
20 and extends to them its best wishes for continued success in all
21 future endeavors.
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